

## **Minutes of the Health & Human Services Committee**

**Thursday, May 12, 2011**

Chair Brandtjen called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Present:** Supervisors Janel Brandtjen (Chair), Jim Jeskewitz, Gilbert Yerke, Kathleen Cummings, Mike Inda, Pauline Jaske, and Peter Wolff.

**Also Present:** Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Coordinator Rebecca Luczaj, Senior Financial Analysts Clara Daniels and Bill Duckwitz, Health & Human Services Director Peter Schuler, and Legislative Associate Mary Pedersen.

### **Approve Minutes of 2-10-11 & 4-14-11**

MOTION: Yerke moved, second by Jeskewitz to approve the minutes of February 10. Jeskewitz asked that a correction be made under "Board Members Present." Motion carried 7-0 as amended.

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Jeskewitz to approve the minutes of April 14. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Advisory Committee Reports**

Cummings advised the Local Emergency Planning Committee will agendaize the issue of how medications would be administered during a disaster for their next meeting in September. She noted it has taken a year for this issue to get addressed. Brandtjen believes there are potentially five sites in Waukesha including GE and WCTC. Mader believes GE is interested in being involved and are looking for indemnity/no risk. The County cannot cover them but there appears to be sufficient immunity under the State Statutes.

Yerke noted the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Board held a needs hearing yesterday in which about 20 people spoke. Preliminary estimates show CDBG funding will be cut 16% for 2011 – totaling \$261,000 for Waukesha County. However, by moving program income and unallocated funds, they probably will not have to cut funding for 2011. Yerke said last month he successfully advocated in keeping transportation funding at \$10,000.

Cummings said she met with the United Way Leadership Committee and they were asking how they could help facilitate in these economic times. Cummings advised them because there is less money, perhaps consolidation should be examined to ensure there is no duplication.

### **Chair's Executive Committee Report of 4-18-11 & 5-2-11**

Brandtjen highlighted the following items discussed at the last two Executive Committee meetings.

- Approved the new tentative supervisory redistricting map as originally drafted.
- Approved the ordinances that were included in the last set of County Board referrals, each of which were also approved at the previous County Board meeting. UW-Extension Director Jerry Braatz had reported that 5,700 pounds of old/unused prescription drugs were collected during the last Drug Collection Program.

- Various Waukesha County state legislators appeared for an exchange of information including suggested alternatives by County staff on issues such as transportation, recycling, and income maintenance.

#### **Schedule Next Meeting Dates**

- June 16 (combined with the Health & Human Services Board)

#### **Future Agenda Items**

- Tour of the Goodwill Building and Presentation on Goodwill Programs (Brandtjen)
- Tour of the New Easter Seals Building (Cummings)

#### **Ordinance 166-O-017: Accept 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Criminal Justice Coordinating Councils Award Through The Wisconsin Office Of Justice Assistance (OJA) And Modify Waukesha County Department Of Health And Human Services – Criminal Justice Collaborating Council 2011 Budget To Authorize Grant Expenditures**

Luczaj distributed supporting information titled “2011 OJA Grant Application Summary.” This ordinance involves accepting and appropriating a \$100,000 federal grant which will be used to provide an estimated \$1,500 average stipend per office to law enforcement agencies within the County for up to 66 law enforcement officers to attend a 40-hour crisis intervention training program. The stipend will partially offset costs for coverage for the deputies/officers who attend the training. The training is intended to educate and provide the necessary tools to help law enforcement properly recognize individuals with possible mental health issues and refer them to appropriate mental health services.

MOTION: Wolff moved, second by Jeskewitz to approve Ordinance 166-O-017. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **Ordinance 166-O-018: Appropriate State Of Wisconsin Division Of Public Health 2011 Public Health Infrastructure And Quality Improvement Grant Funding Increases To The Waukesha County Department Of Health And Human Services**

Schuler said this ordinance authorizes the department to accept and appropriate a \$12,000 federal grant. The funds will be used to help develop a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) as part of a state mandate and in anticipation of a future system requiring national accreditation for local public health agencies. A CHIP Task Force of local health professionals will be developed and will assist in the development of the Plan and offer professional expertise to components of the local public health system.

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Jaske to approve Ordinance 166-O-018. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **Report on the Health & Human Services Board’s Public Hearing of April 21**

Schuler distributed copies of written commentary from the public hearing for informational purposes. He felt attendance to this year’s hearing was larger than last year with 11 agencies being represented compared to seven last year, there were 23 speakers compared to 11 last year, and 43 letters were submitted compared to 20 last year. A variety of needs and budgetary concerns were brought up. He said everyone is very friendly and the clients are very grateful for the services they receive. When he first started attending these hearings 27 years ago as a staff member, clients with

mental illness could not speak at that time because they were so symptomatic. Staff members always spoke for them and clients were always present in large numbers. Many of these programs are still in existence but due to dramatic differences in treatment, mental health clients are doing much better. The same is true for many of the other programs. Schuler felt the hearing was a great demonstration on the progress of our clients, and agencies that are hoping for enough funding to sustain services. Brandtjen attended the hearing and said more and more young people seem to be coming forward with AODA issues. She noted this is a great opportunity to hear from the public.

#### **Update on Ethan Allen Closure and Opening of Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake School**

Schuler distributed information on the consolidation of state juvenile correctional institutions and noted this issue began during the Doyle administration. The State's plan, as of March 24, is to close Ethan Allen (for boys) and Southern Oaks (for girls) and move their operations to Lincoln Hill in Merrill, WI. To date, 60 boys from Ethan Allen have been transferred to Lincoln Hills. The moves are being planned and completed on a case-by-case basis so as not to lengthen the planned release dates for any of the youth. All juvenile sex offenders (boys) have been transferred to Lincoln Hills. In preparation of the transfer of the girls, a much smaller group, a housing unit is being prepared and a fence built to separate this part of the institution.

It is expected that by mid June, all staff at Ethan Allen who will transfer to new jobs at Lincoln Hills will be onsite and have undergone needed training to permit the transfer of the remaining 90 boys at Ethan Allen. It is expected that 114 former staff of Ethan Allen and Southern Oaks will join staff at Lincoln Hills. The State will then newly hire all remaining staff needed to fully staff the now larger Lincoln Hills which will then house over 500 youths.

The State Department of Corrections has concluded an analysis of the programs at all three institutions and is attempting to incorporate the best of them at Lincoln Hills. They have been careful to seek county input as well. So far, those youth transferred have all adjusted well to the change. On a side note, Schuler said the girls seem to prefer the food at Lincoln Hills. Also discussed were video conferencing and bus transportation for family visits.

Schuler advised that cities and counties, but primarily County Sheriff's Departments, will be responsible for transporting kids to the institution. However, Lincoln Hills has their own transportation unit which is responsible for transporting kids back and forth for court appearances, for picking up kids that violate conditions, etc.

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Inda to adjourn at 2:14 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Cummings  
Secretary